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In re Application of:

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Title: STABILIZATION OF RADIONUCLIDE-CONTAINING COMPOSITIONS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 14, 2006, it is hereby requested that the above-identified application be reconsidered for allowance.

REMARKS

Withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 and 35 U.S.C. §102 is respectfully acknowledged.

The Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103

The rejection of claims 1-4, 6, 8-10 and 32-33 under 35 U.S.C. §103, as being obvious over Solanki (U.S. Patent No. 5,262,175) in view of Cyr (U.S. Patent No. 6,881,396) is respectfully traversed.

Applicants again urge that it would not have been obvious to combine the Solanki and Cyr teachings in the manner suggested in the Office Action.

Solanki teaches a composition and method for stabilizing a radiopharmaceutical complex using a weak oxidizing agent. The complex is a lipophilic complex labeled with Tc-99m; see, e.g., col. 1, lines 7-30, describing the types of lipophilic complexing agents. The